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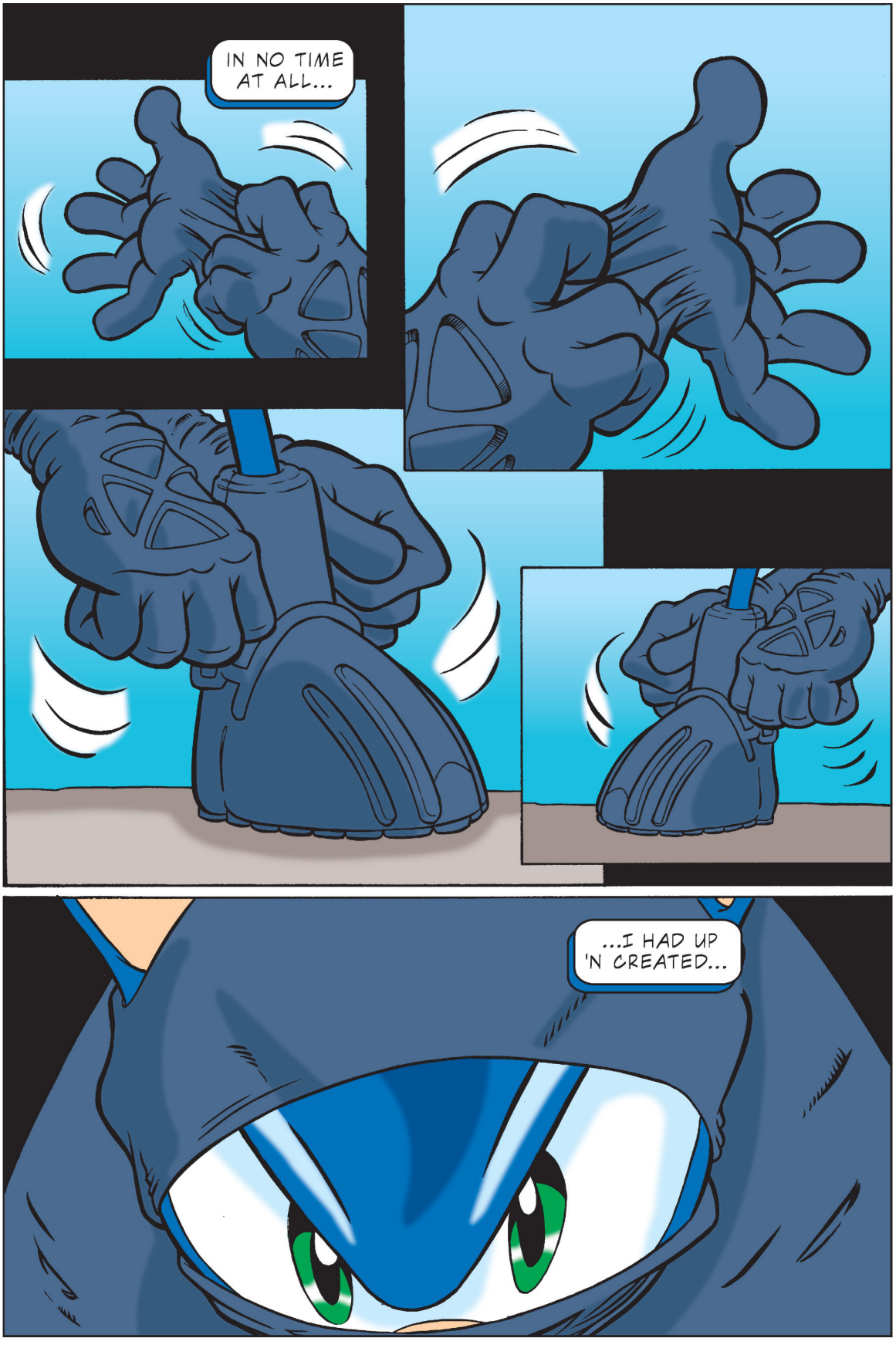
IN NO TIME AT ALL...
...I HAD UP 'N CREATED...

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YOU DA MAN NOW, 'HOG!

THAT WAS THE EASY PART. FINDIN' THE SWORD OF ACORNS WOULD BE A WHOLE 'NOTHER STORY.

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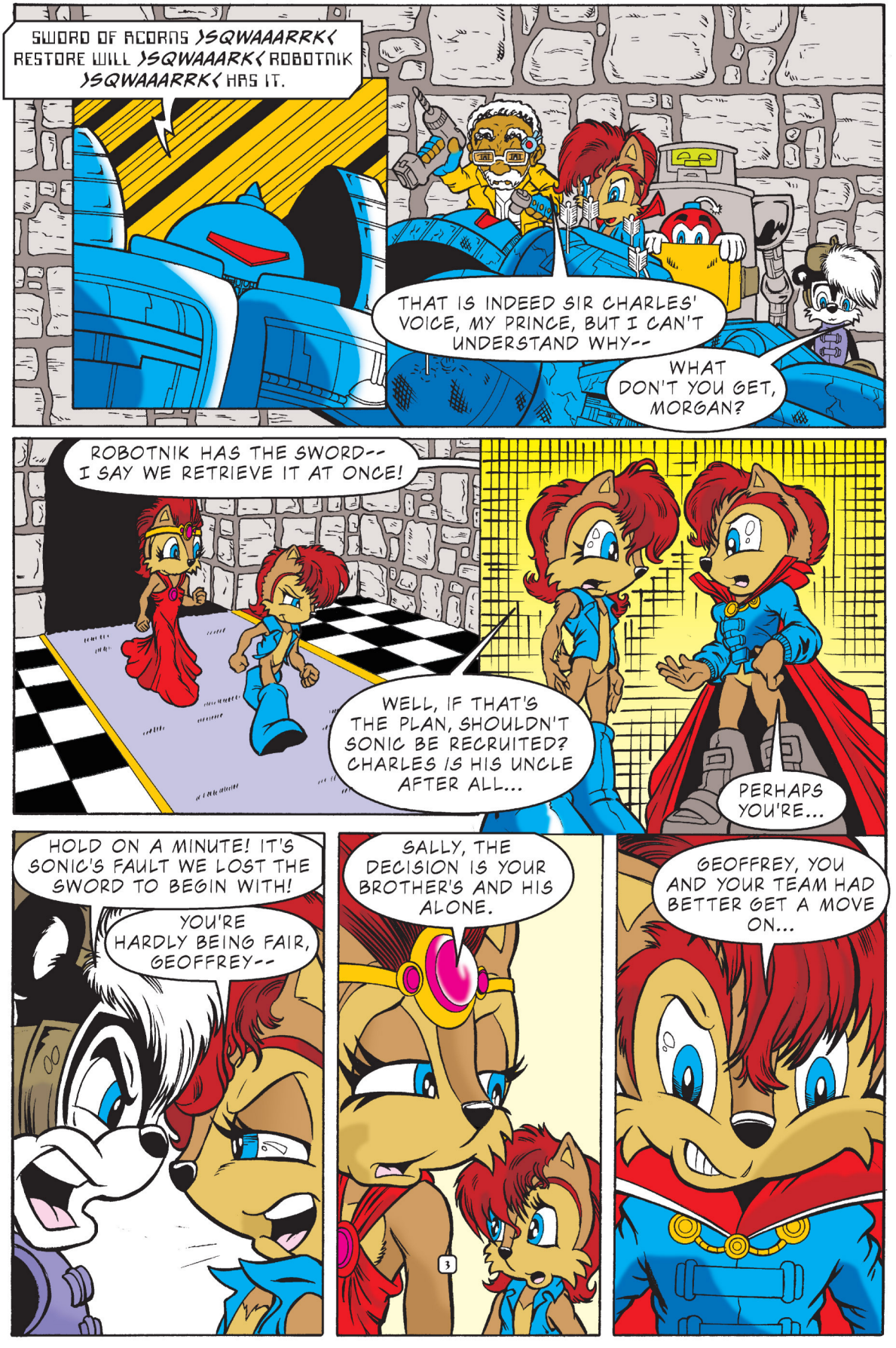
SWORD OF ACORNS)SQWAAARRK(RESTORE WILL)SQWAAARK(ROBOTNIK)SQWAAARRK(HAS IT.
THAT IS INDEED SIR CHARLES' VOICE, MY PRINCE, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY--
WHAT DON'T YOU GET, MORGAN?
ROBOTNIK HAS THE SWORD-- I SAY WE RETRIEVE IT AT ONCE!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE PLAN, SHOULDN'T SONIC BE RECRUITED? CHARLES IS HIS UNCLE AFTER ALL...
PERHAPS YOU'RE...
HOLD ON A MINUTE! IT'S SONIC'S FAULT WE LOST THE SWORD TO BEGIN WITH!
YOU'RE HARDLY BEING FAIR, GEOFFREY--
SALLY, THE DECISION IS YOUR BROTHER'S AND HIS ALONE.
GEOFFREY, YOU AND YOUR TEAM HAD BETTER GET A MOVE ON...
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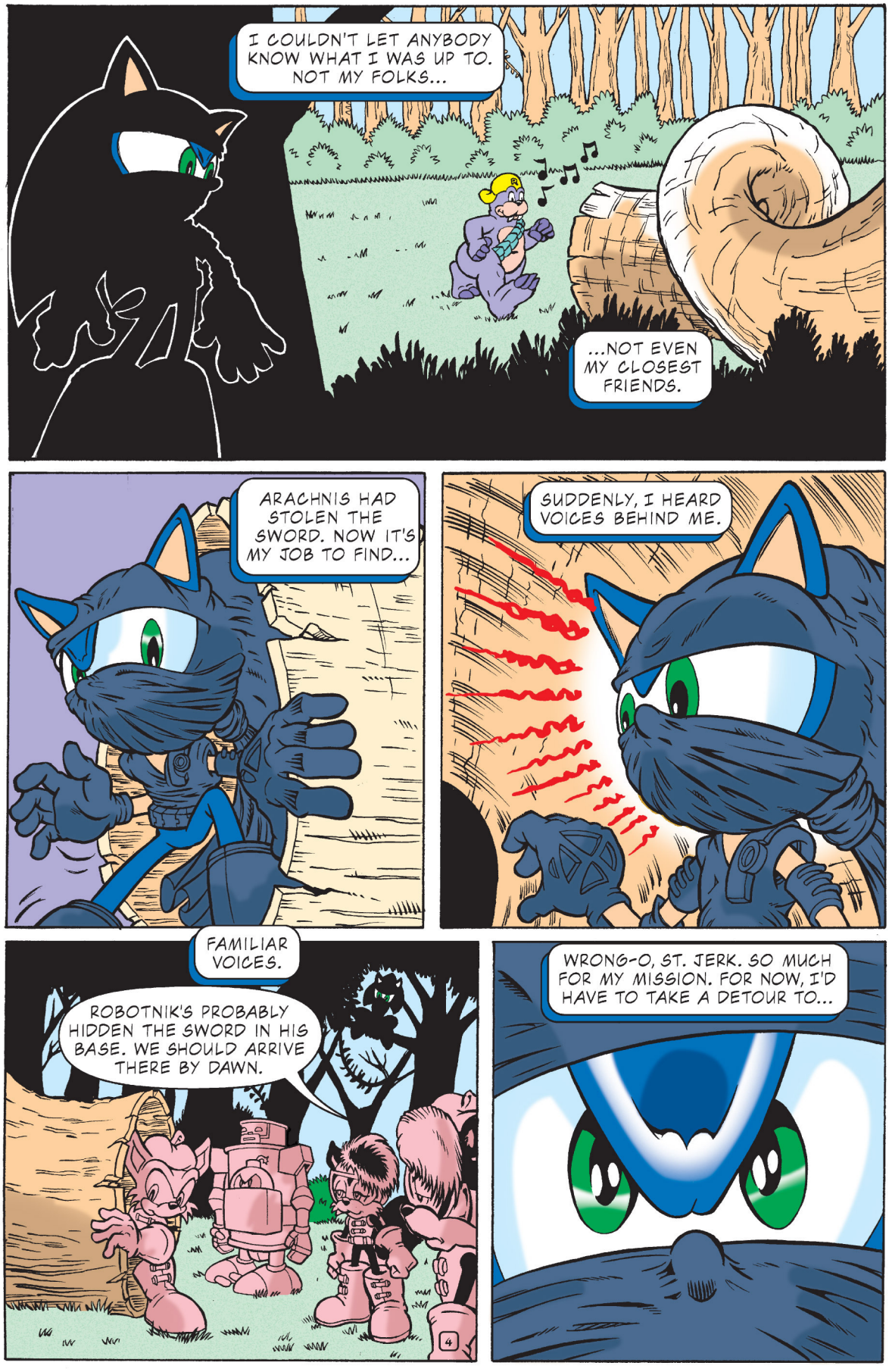
I COULDN'T LET ANYBODY KNOW WHAT I WAS UP TO. NOT MY FOLKS...
...NOT EVEN MY CLOSEST FRIENDS.
ARACHNIS HAD STOLEN THE SWORD. NOW IT'S MY JOB TO FIND...
SUDDENLY, I HEARD VOICES BEHIND ME.
FAMILIAR VOICES.
ROBOTNIK'S PROBABLY HIDDEN THE SWORD IN HIS BASE. WE SHOULD ARRIVE THERE BY DAWN.
WRONG-O, ST. JERK. SO MUCH FOR MY MISSION. FOR NOW, I'D HAVE TO TAKE A DETOUR TO...
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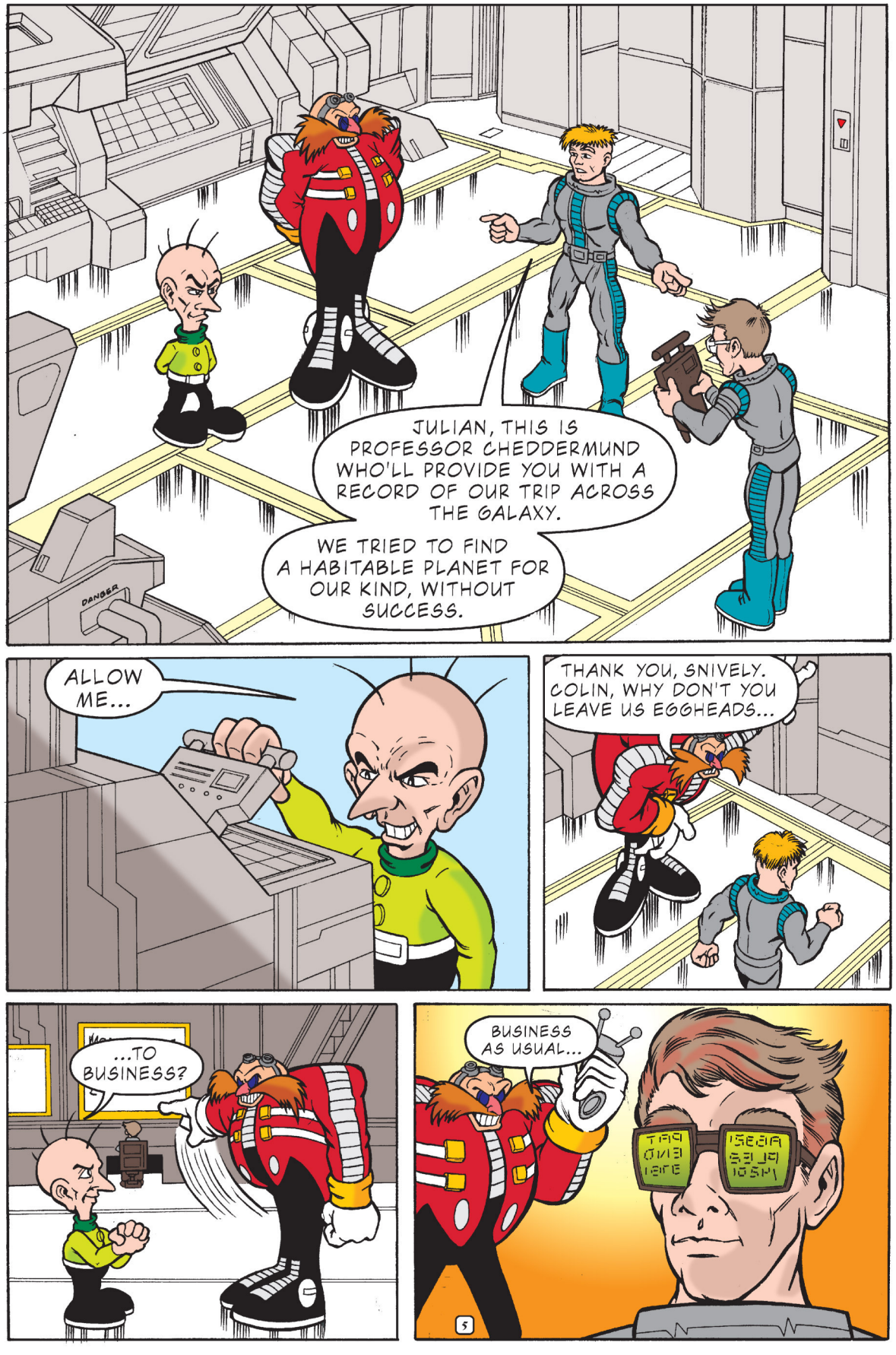
JULIAN, THIS IS PROFESSOR CHEDDERMUND WHO'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH A RECORD OF OUR TRIP ACROSS THE GALAXY.
WE TRIED TO FIND A HABITABLE PLANET FOR OUR KIND, WITHOUT SUCCESS.
DANGER
ALLOW ME...
THANK YOU, SNIVELY. COLIN, WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE US EGGHEADS...
...TO BUSINESS?
BUSINESS AS USUAL...
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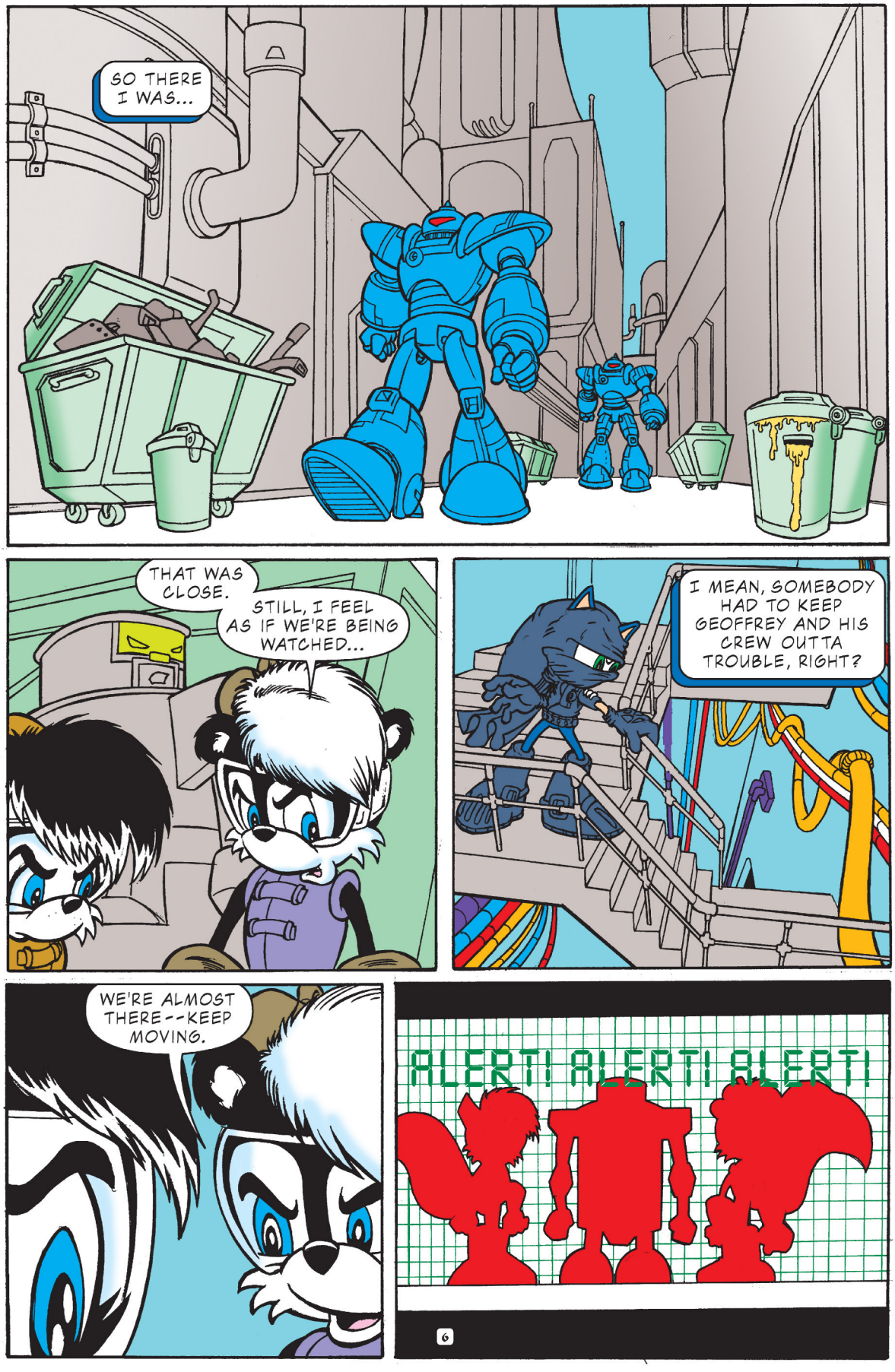
SO THERE I WAS...
THAT WAS CLOSE.
STILL, I FEEL AS IF WE'RE BEING WATCHED...
I MEAN, SOMEBODY HAD TO KEEP GEOFFREY AND HIS CREW OUTTA TROUBLE, RIGHT?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE--KEEP MOVING.
ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!
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AH! IT APPEARS ONE OF MY HOVER-CAMS HAS DETECTED INTRUDERS OF A FURRY NATU--
WHAT THE--?!
KEEP OL' "CHEDDAR-BUNS" SEDATED, SNIVELY--THE EXPERIMENT WILL HAVE TO WAIT RIGHT NOW...
...I'VE GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY!
I USED MY CAPE TO PUT THE EGGMAN'S EYE-IN-THE-SKY OUTTA COMMISSION, BUT--

--IT WAS TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.
AS MUCH AS I HATED BLOWIN' MY COVER, I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.
OPTI-BURSTS SET TO DISINTEGRATE...
WAIT--WE SURRENDER!
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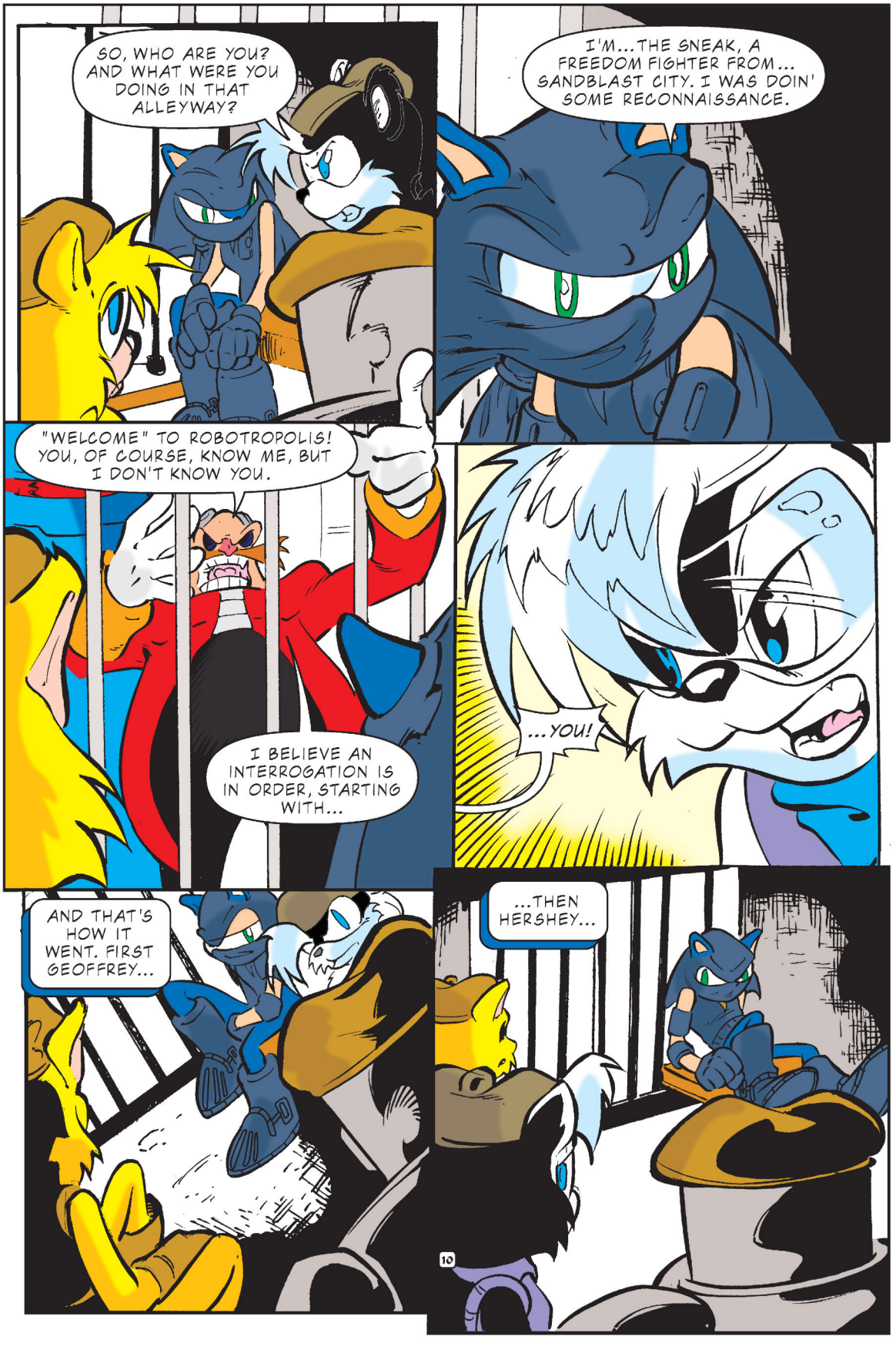
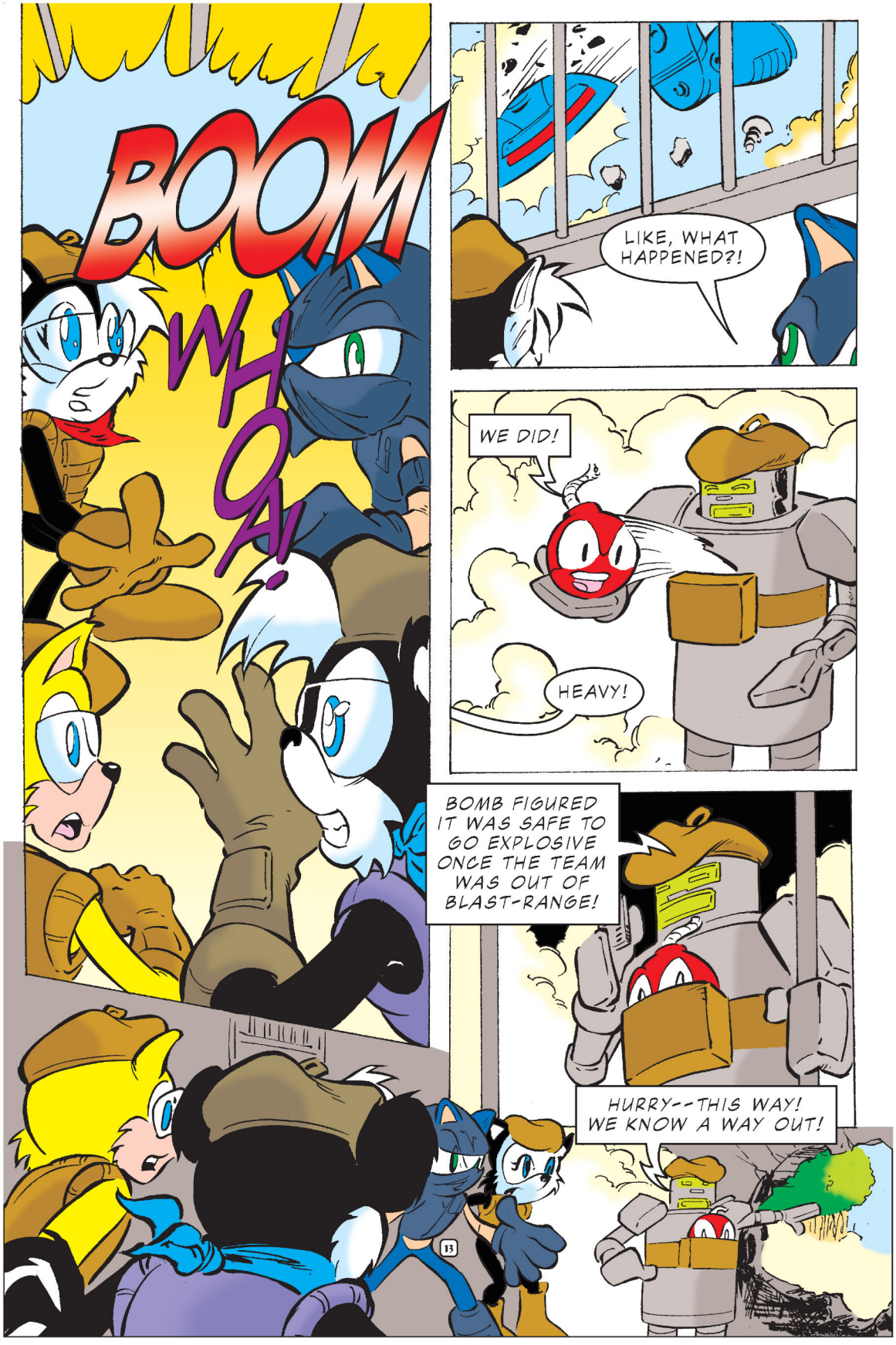
BOOO! DOWN WITH THE FURRIES!
RIGHT THEN...
...I WAS SURE GLAD NO ONE COULD SEE MY FACE. TALK ABOUT EMBARRASSING.


SO, WHO ARE YOU? AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THAT ALLEYWAY?
I'M...THE SNEAK, A FREEDOM FIGHTER FROM... SANDBLAST CITY. I WAS DOIN' SOME RECONNAISSANCE.
"WELCOME" TO ROBOTROPOLIS! YOU, OF COURSE, KNOW ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU.
I BELIEVE AN INTERROGATION IS IN ORDER, STARTING WITH...
...YOU!
AND THAT'S HOW IT WENT. FIRST GEOFFREY...
...THEN HERSHEY...

...FOLLOWED BY WOMBAT STU. I COULDN'T RISK BEING UNMASKED BY "BUTT-NIK".
NOW THE SYNTHETIC LIFE-FORMS.
UGH!
I'M IN CHARGE HERE, AND WE'RE HERE TO COMPLETE A MISSION!
WE'VE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE, LIKE, YESTERDAY!
FORGET THE MISSION! THIS ISN'T ROBOTNIK'S STYLE. WHAT DID HE SAY TO YOU?

HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING--HE WASN'T EVEN THERE. I JUST COOLED MY HEELS IN ANOTHER CELL.
WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE NOW. YOUR BUDS CAN'T BE ROBOTICIZED. THEY'RE ALREADY ROBOTS!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO THINGS IN SANDBLAST, BUT HERE WE DON'T LEAVE FRIENDS BEHIND!
THE EGGMAN'S UP TO SOMETHING AND--
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST AFRAID OF WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THEY TAKE YOU, COWARD!
THAT DOES IT! I'M OUTTA HERE!
WHO'S WITH ME?!


BOOM
WHOA!
LIKE, WHAT HAPPENED?!
WE DID!
HEAVY!
BOMB FIGURED IT WAS SAFE TO GO EXPLOSIVE ONCE THE TEAM WAS OUT OF BLAST-RANGE!
HURRY--THIS WAY! WE KNOW A WAY OUT!
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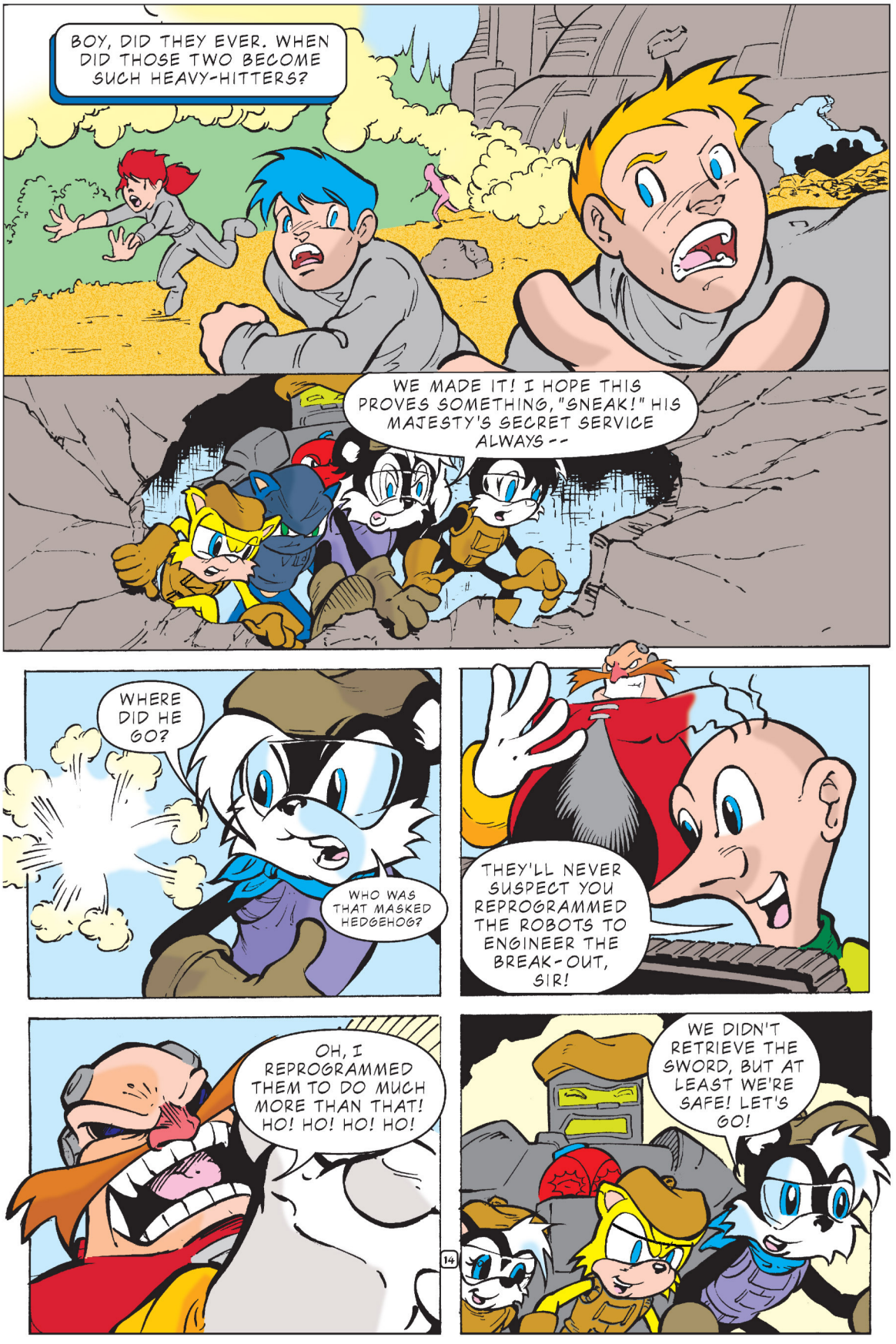
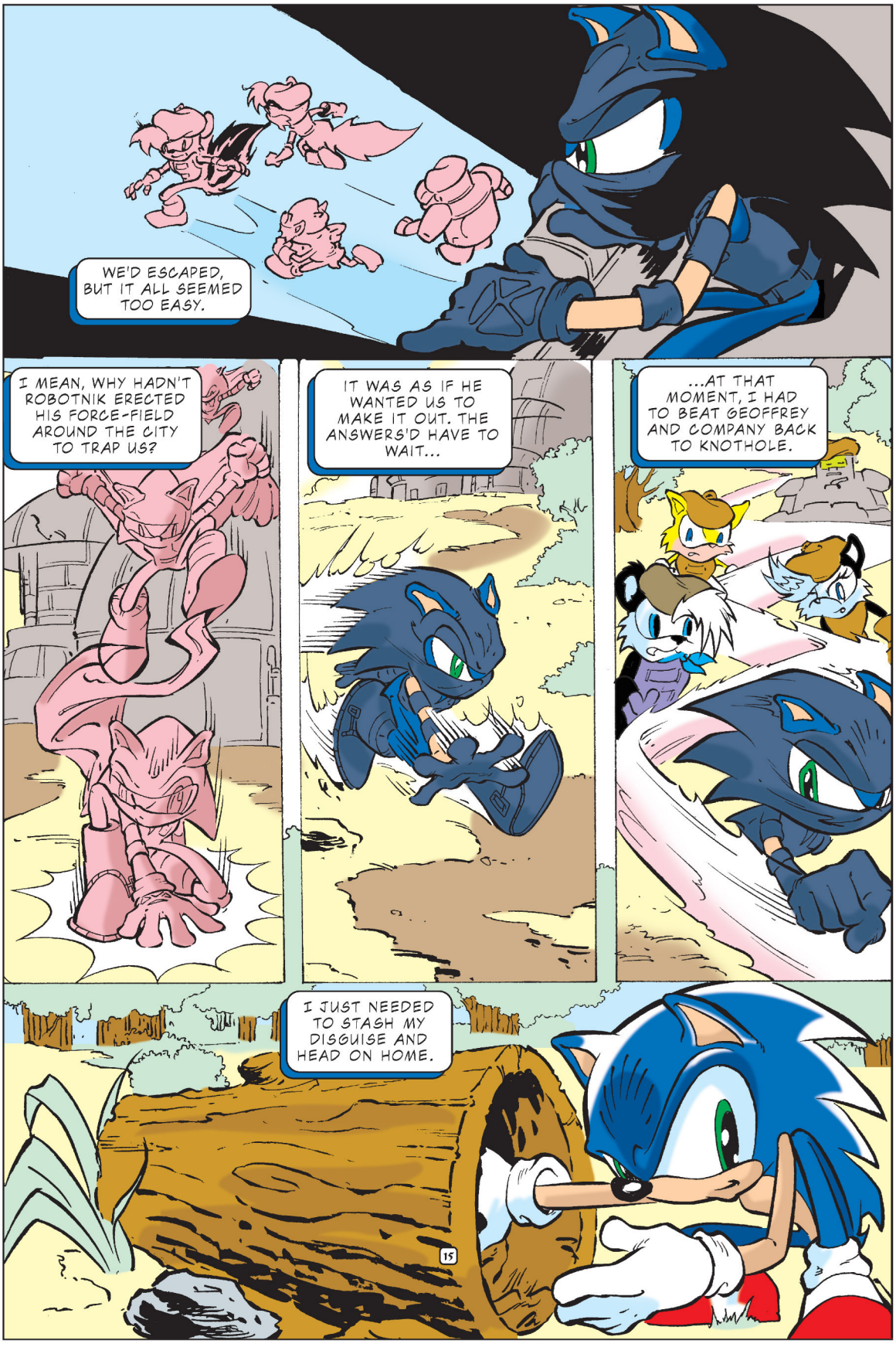

BOY, DID THEY EVER. WHEN DID THOSE TWO BECOME SUCH HEAVY-HITTERS?
WE MADE IT! I HOPE THIS PROVES SOMETHING, "SNEAK!" HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE ALWAYS--
WHERE DID HE GO?
WHO WAS THAT MASKED HEDGEHOG?
THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT YOU REPROGRAMMED THE ROBOTS TO ENGINEER THE BREAK-OUT, SIR!
OH, I REPROGRAMMED THEM TO DO MUCH MORE THAN THAT! HO! HO! HO! HO!
WE DIDN'T RETRIEVE THE SWORD, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE! LET'S GO!


WE'D ESCAPED, BUT IT ALL SEEMED TOO EASY.
I MEAN, WHY HADN'T ROBOTNIK ERECTED HIS FORCE-FIELD AROUND THE CITY TO TRAP US?
IT WAS AS IF HE WANTED US TO MAKE IT OUT. THE ANSWERS'D HAVE TO WAIT...
...AT THAT MOMENT, I HAD TO BEAT GEOFFREY AND COMPANY BACK TO KNOTHOLE.
I JUST NEEDED TO STASH MY DISGUISE AND HEAD ON HOME.
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FREEZE, HEDGEHOG! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
BUT IT LOOKED LIKE SOMEBODY HAD MADE OTHER PLANS FOR ME.
NEXT:
SONIC ADVENTURE 2!
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HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT NOW
KNUCKLES
IS EVOLVING INTO SOMETHING MORE-- MUCH MORE --
--AND NOW, IN A FLASH OF INTENSE PAIN, HE LASHES OUT, AS TURBO-TAILS STEPS FORWARD TO DEAL WITH HIS FRIEND...
YOU DON'T GET OUT OF MY FACE RIGHT NOW, TURBO-RUNT--
--WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME SERIOUS RUMBLING!
I HATE TO STRIKE AN ECHIDNA WHEN HE'S DOWN--
--BUT I'LL DO IT IF I HAVE TO FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, KNUCKLES!
TO THE BRINK

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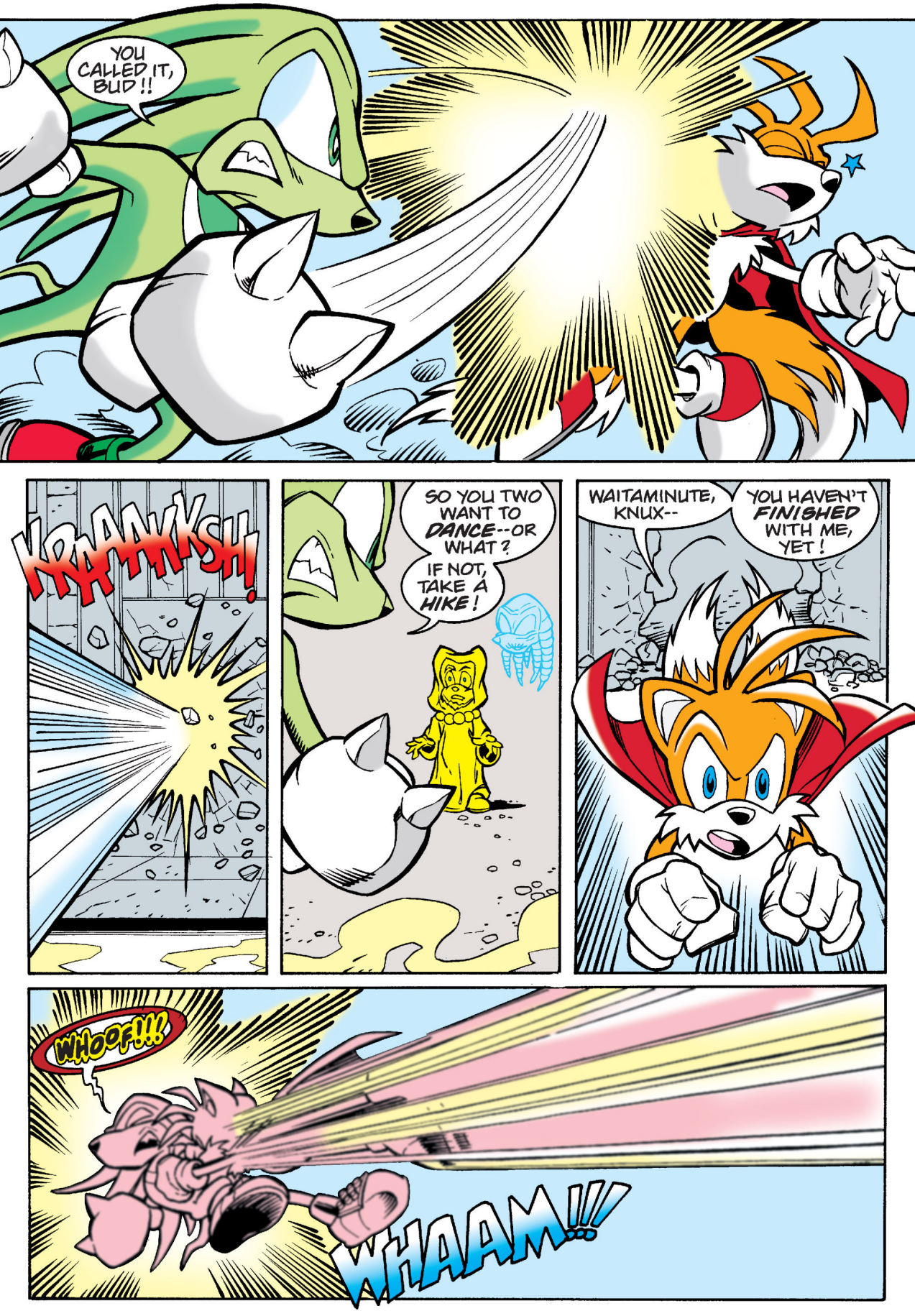
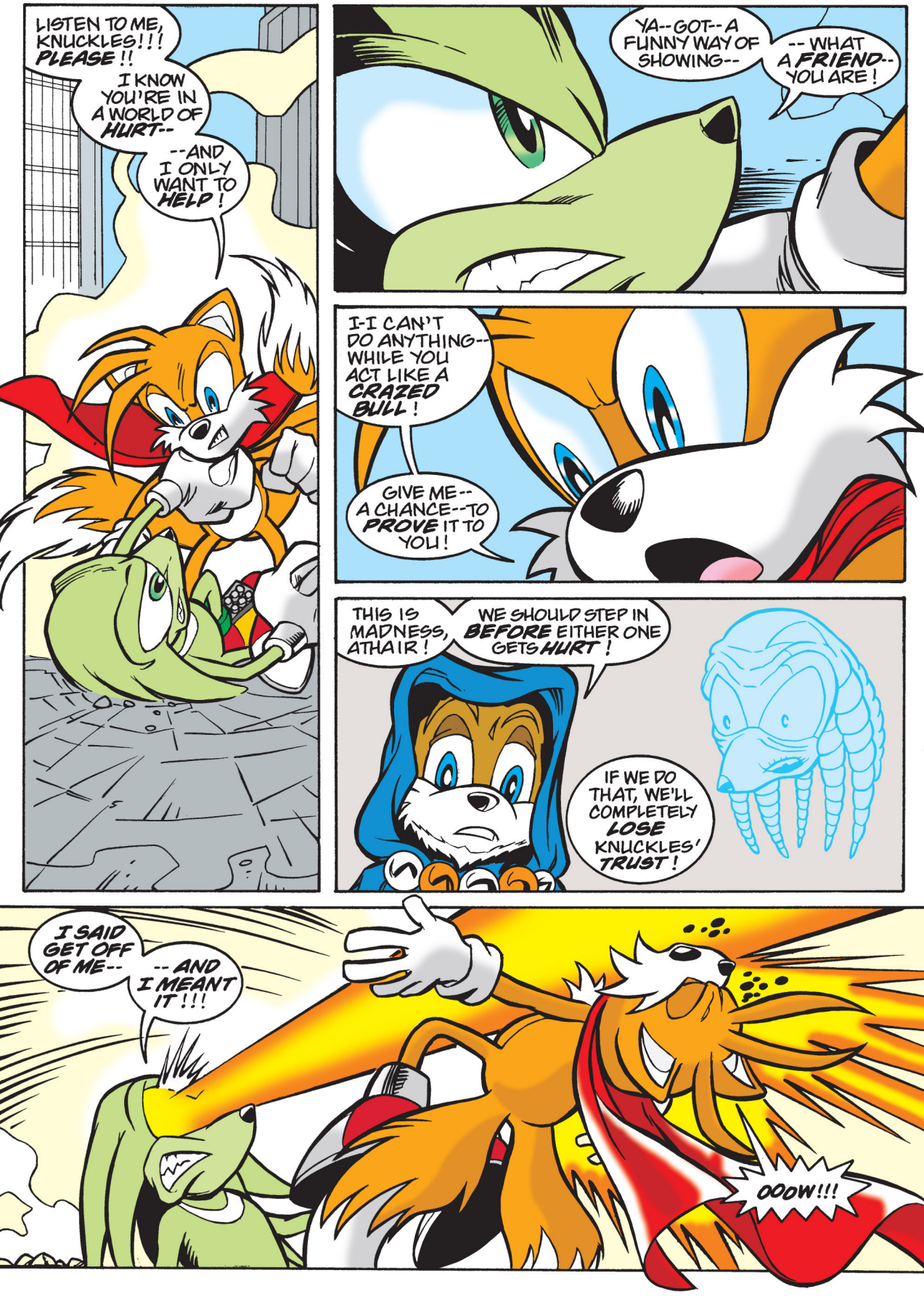

YOU CALLED IT, BUD!!
KRAAKKSH!
SO YOU TWO WANT TO DANCE--OR WHAT?
IF NOT, TAKE A HIKE!
WAITAMINUTE, KNUX--
YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH ME, YET!
WHOOF!!!
WHAAM!!!


LISTEN TO ME, KNUCKLES!!! PLEASE!!
I KNOW YOU'RE IN A WORLD OF HURT--
--AND I ONLY WANT TO HELP!
YA--GOT--A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING--
--WHAT A FRIEND--YOU ARE!
I-I CAN'T DO ANYTHING--WHILE YOU ACT LIKE A CRAZED BULL!
GIVE ME--A CHANCE--TO PROVE IT TO YOU!
THIS IS MADNESS, ATHAIR!
WE SHOULD STEP IN BEFORE EITHER ONE GETS HURT!
IF WE DO THAT, WE'LL COMPLETELY LOSE KNUCKLES' TRUST!
I SAID GET OFF OF ME--
--AND I MEANT IT!!!
OOOW!!!

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME, Y'KNOW!
WHAP!
UGHH!
SO WHADDYA SAY--
--LET'S CALL A TRUCE AND SEE IF WE CAN'T MAKE THINGS BETTER!
GO STUFF--
AARRHHH!!!
THAT TEARS IT!!!
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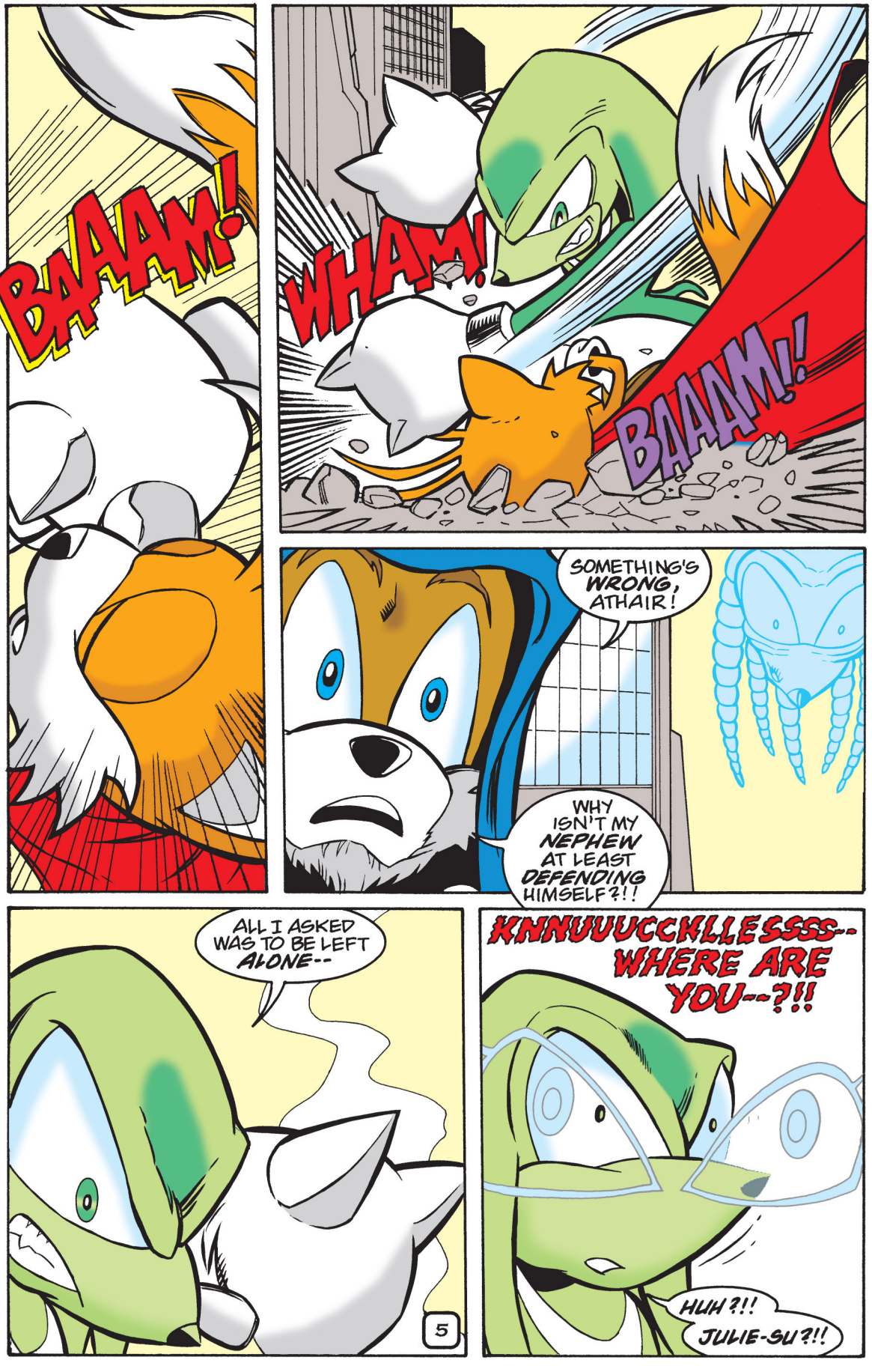
BAAAM!
WHAM!
BAAAM!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG, ATHAIR!
WHY ISN'T MY NEPHEW AT LEAST DEFENDING HIMSELF?!!
ALL I ASKED WAS TO BE LEFT ALONE--
KNNUUUCCKLLESSSS-- WHERE ARE YOU--?!!
HUH?!! JULIE-SU?!!
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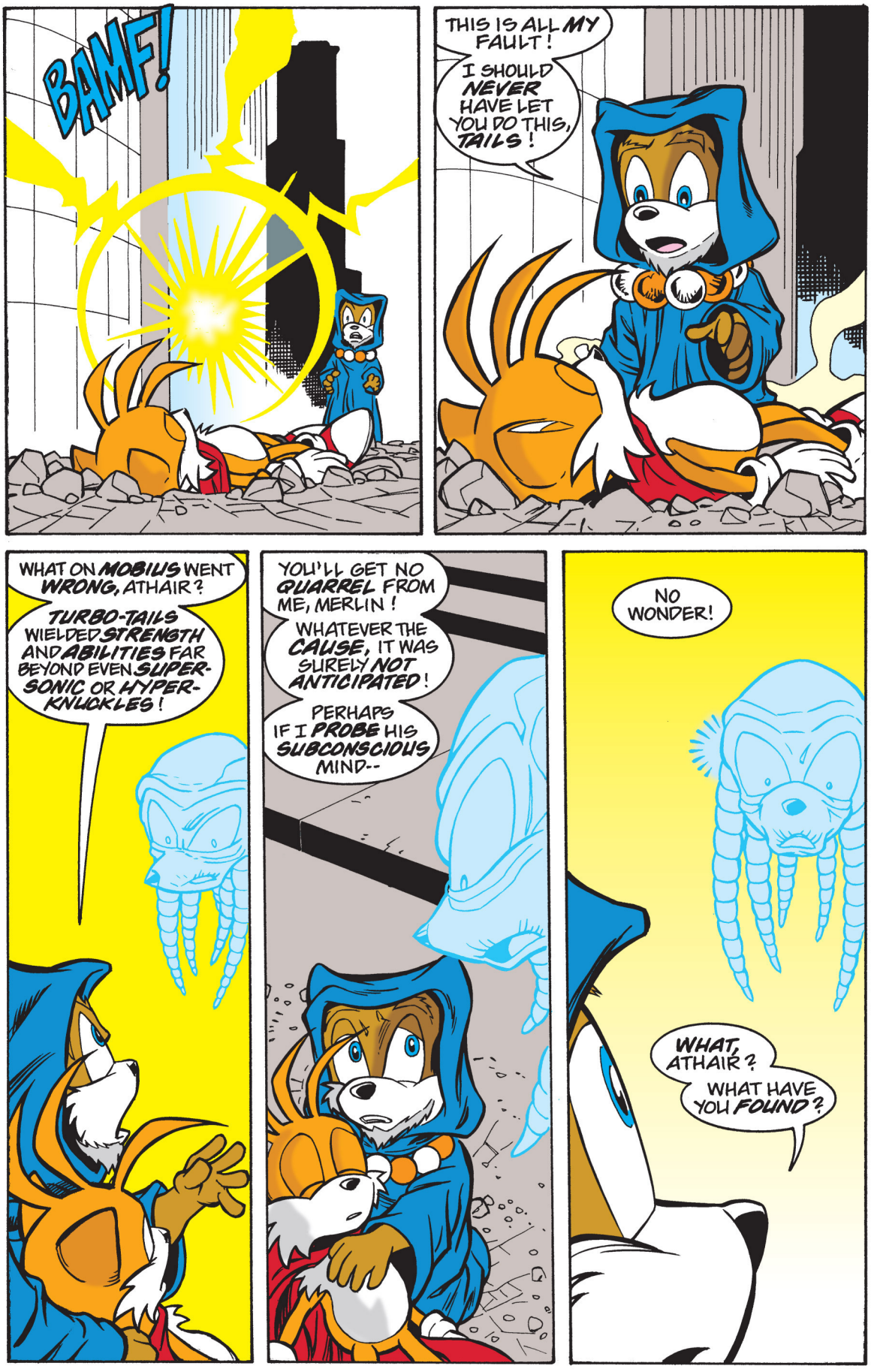
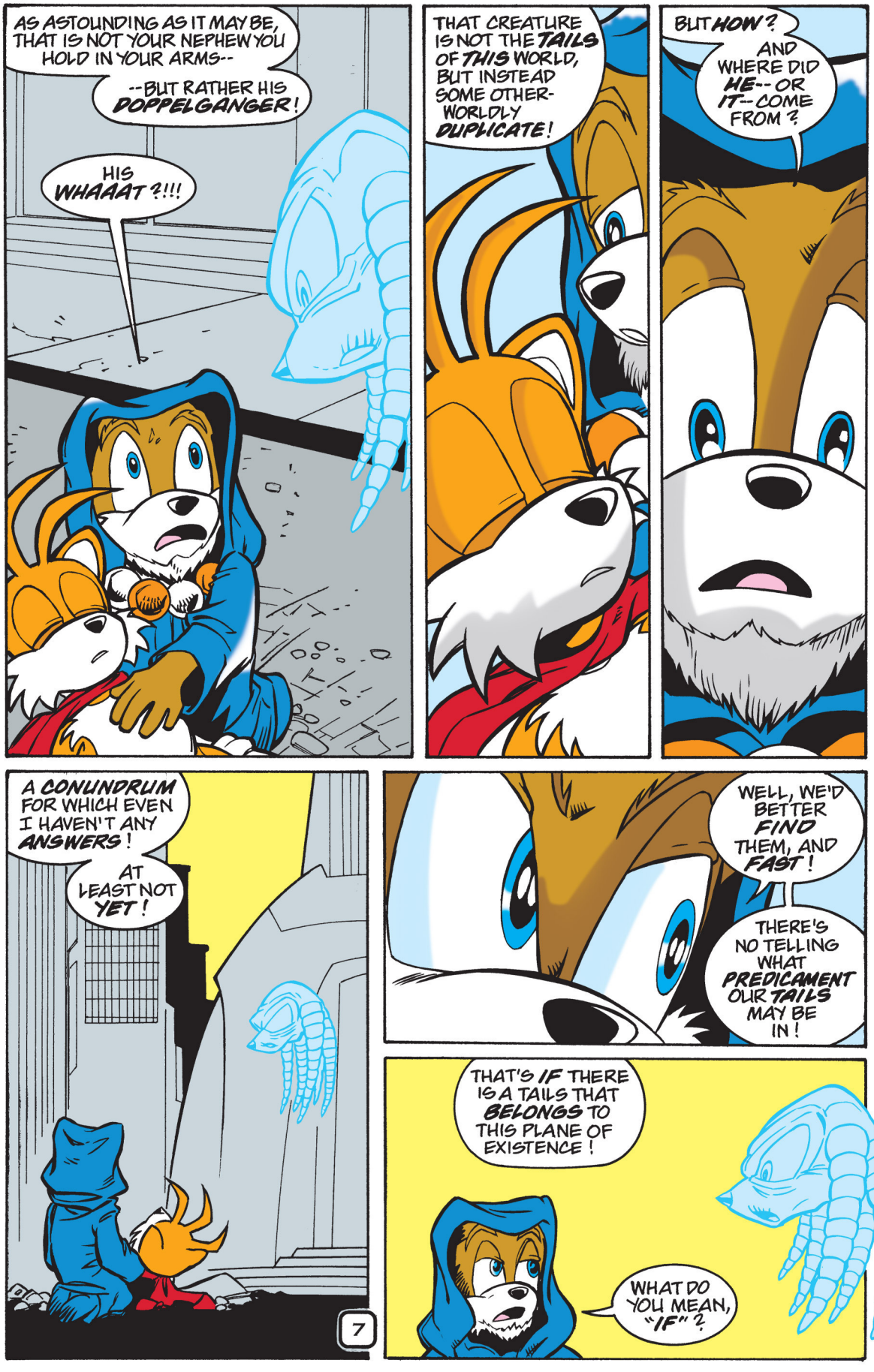

BAMF!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LET YOU DO THIS, TAILS!
WHAT ON MOBIUS WENT WRONG, ATHAIR?
TURBO-TAILS WIELDED STRENGTH AND ABILITIES FAR BEYOND EVEN SUPER-SONIC OR HYPER-KNUCKLES!
YOU'LL GET NO QUARREL FROM ME, MERLIN!
WHATEVER THE CAUSE, IT WAS SURELY NOT ANTICIPATED!
PERHAPS IF I PROBE HIS SUBCONSCIOUS MIND--
NO WONDER!
WHAT, ATHAIR?
WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?


AS ASTOUNDING AS IT MAY BE, THAT IS NOT YOUR NEPHEW YOU HOLD IN YOUR ARMS--
--BUT RATHER HIS DOPPELGANGER!
HIS WHAAAAT?!!!
THAT CREATURE IS NOT THE TAILS OF THIS WORLD, BUT INSTEAD SOME OTHER-WORLDLY DUPLICATE!
BUT HOW?
AND WHERE DID HE-- OR IT-- COME FROM?
A CONUNDRUM FOR WHICH EVEN I HAVEN'T ANY ANSWERS!
AT LEAST NOT YET!
WELL, WE'D BETTER FIND THEM, AND FAST!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT PREDICAMENT OUR TAILS MAY BE IN!
THAT'S IF THERE IS A TAILS THAT BELONGS TO THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IF"?
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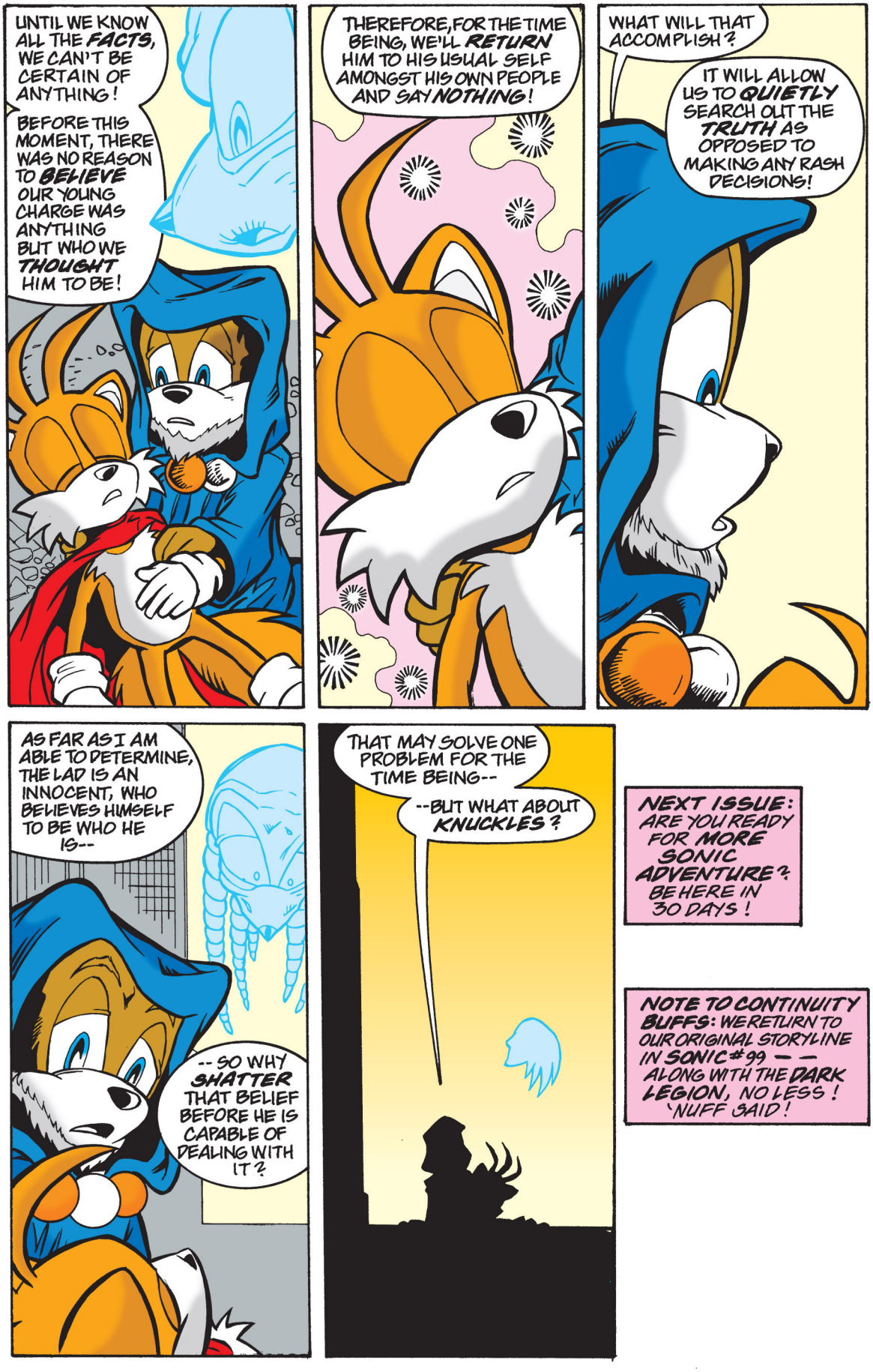
UNTIL WE KNOW ALL THE FACTS, WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF ANYTHING!
BEFORE THIS MOMENT, THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE OUR YOUNG CHARGE WAS ANYTHING BUT WHO WE THOUGHT HIM TO BE!
THEREFORE, FOR THE TIME BEING, WE'LL RETURN HIM TO HIS USUAL SELF AMONGST HIS OWN PEOPLE AND SAY NOTHING!
WHAT WILL THAT ACCOMPLISH?
IT WILL ALLOW US TO QUIETLY SEARCH OUT THE TRUTH AS OPPOSED TO MAKING ANY RASH DECISIONS!
AS FAR AS I AM ABLE TO DETERMINE, THE LAD IS AN INNOCENT, WHO BELIEVES HIMSELF TO BE WHO HE IS--
-- SO WHY SHATTER THAT BELIEF BEFORE HE IS CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH IT?
THAT MAY SOLVE ONE PROBLEM FOR THE TIME BEING--
--BUT WHAT ABOUT KNUCKLES?
NEXT ISSUE: ARE YOU READY FOR MORE SONIC ADVENTURE? BE HERE IN 30 DAYS!
NOTE TO CONTINUITY BUFFS: WE RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL STORYLINE IN SONIC #99 — — ALONG WITH THE DARK LEGION, NO LESS! 'NUFF SAID!